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EVENT: Sentencing

Defendant: Raymond M. Snarski

**MAN WHO KITED CHECKS TO KEEP EAST-SIDE
BAR OPEN SENTENCED TO PRISON**

A resident of Kimball Township, Michigan, was sentenced today to 15 months' imprisonment on a conviction for bank fraud based on a 4½-month checkkiting scheme that produced \$180,000 in fraud proceeds for the defendant, announced Stephen J. Murphy, United States Attorney for the Eastern District of Michigan, and Andrew G. Arena, Special Agent in Charge of the Detroit Division of the Federal Bureau of Investigation.

Receiving the sentence from U.S. District Judge Lawrence P. Zatkoff was Raymond M. Snarski, 62, who pleaded guilty to the bank fraud charge in April 2007. The investigation established that Snarski distributed \$24,500 that he obtained through his checkkiting scheme to a company that operates a bar on the east side of Detroit called "Cover Girls," and \$65,000 to a liquor store in Roseville for liquor that was sold at Cover Girls.

Judge Zatkoff also ordered Snarski to serve a four-year term of supervised release following his release from prison and pay \$180,000 in restitution to Citizens First Savings Bank.

The investigation of this case was conducted by the FBI and prosecuted by Assistant U.S. Attorney Stephen Hiyama.